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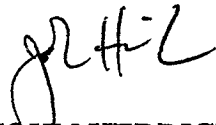
Re: ISPD

Dear Mr. Snow:

It is has to our attention that there may have been some confusion regarding our discussion at the recent meeting chaired by Assemblyman Machado. I would like to clarify that SDWA supports the need for both short-term and long-term dredging in the Delta both as a method to maintain flood water capacity and to assist local diverters. However, the Agency's analysis over the past 15 years indicates that dredging cannot be considered a viable alternative to either all or any portion of the Barrier Program.

Mr. Hildebrand as well as DWR have the specifics on this topic, and we look forward to clarifying these matters in the CALFED process.

Very truly yours,



JOHN HERRICK

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